

Sequoia/Veterans crew

April 2011 Overview

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On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, the planets aligned and people from all corners of the nation arrived at orientation. They put their lives on hold for the next five and a half months to begin the unknown journey that is called the CCC Backcountry Trails Program. Upon arrival, every person was greeted enthusiastically by Karlson Hubbard and welcomed into the Backcountry family.

**CREW:** The Sequoia Crew consists of two CCC recruits; Monte Welch, and our newest/youngest Rob Sheppard II, four internet hires; Lisa McGurty, Rachel Rosecrants, Raquel Carrillo, Sophie Carrillo/Mandel, and nine veterans who represent the Army, Navy and Marines; William Andrejack, Andrew Bridgman, Raul Gallegos, Mayra Guzman, Aaron Hernandez, Justin LaBate, James Morin, Gregory Snyder, and Paul Weber.

**ITINERARY:** Our crew will arrive in Big Basin Redwoods State Park on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. We will work on maintenance/construction projects in various State Parks within their district. We will then migrate north to the South Fork of the Shasta Trinity in the Boulder Lake area. Weather permitting; we will also spend some time in the Yola Bollas. Our time in the Shasta Trinity will be spent on trail maintenance and log out runs. After our month in the Shasta Trinity, we will migrate south to Sequoia National Park for the next 2 months. We will start in Mineral Kings and eventually move to Hockett Meadow. Our last stint will be on the east side of the sierras on the Inyo National Forest out of Mammoth.

**ORIENTATION:** Crews are beginning to meet and socialize. Packs and gear are being slimmed down in preparation for the next 5.5 months. Training and more training, CCC policies, standards and expectations, P.T., journaling workshop, more training....**ANTICIPATION....4,3,2, days**

And so the adventure begins.....